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Mr. Andrew T. Silfer, P.E.
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Sent via US Mail and Electronic Mail

RE: Conditional Approval of General Electric's September 2, 2010 submittal titled *Revised Interim Silver Lake Bank Planting Plan*, Silver Lake Area
GE Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site

Dear Mr. Silfer:

This letter contains the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) conditional approval of the above-referenced titled *Revised Interim Silver Lake Bank Planting Plan*, Silver Lake Area (the "Report") submitted on September 2, 2010. The Report is subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Consent Decree (CD) that was entered in U.S. District Court on October 27, 2000.

Pursuant to Paragraph 73 of the CD, EPA, after consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) and the Natural Resource Trustees, approves the Report subject to the following conditions:

1. Sheet C-502, Details 2 and 3. The details shall include a note that coconut coir erosion/weed suppression mats will be placed around all installed trees and shrub plants. Bark mulch may be substituted for such mats for any plantings on relatively level terrain. (GE included this requirement on page 4 of 4 of the text, but did not include on the drawing).
2. Sheet C-502, Detail 5. The planting location description of the proposed 10-foot high trees should be revised as follows: Trees (Walking Path Stations 0+00 to 20+00) and along Fourth Avenue: (Insert underlined phrase).
3. GE shall incorporate the elements of this Report, as modified by this Conditional Approval Letter, into GE's Revised Silver Lake Area Final Remediation Work Plan, which is due November 8, 2010.

EPA reserves all of its rights under the Decree, including but not limited to, the right to perform and/or require additional sampling or response actions, if necessary, to meet the requirements of the Consent Decree. If there is any conflict between the Performance Standards as stated in the

Work Plan and the Performance Standards as stated in the Consent Decree and SOW, the Consent Decree and SOW shall control.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 918-1282.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean Tagliaferro", with a stylized, cursive script.

Dean Tagliaferro, Project Manager

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